

Absent—Grand Chaplain, Grand Scribe, Grand Conductor, Grand Sentinel, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Vacancies filled—Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, Grand Chaplain; W. HAGER, Grand Conductor; Dr. ANSON BUCK, Grand Scribe; A. FAREWELL, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

A portion of Scripture read and prayer offered.

Minutes of previous Session read and adopted.

Representative J. A. MARA gave notice—

That at the next Semi-Annual Session of this Grand Division I will move that our rules be so altered as to permit Sons of Temperance in good standing to be admitted as Visitors to the Grand Division.

The Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Chaplain, Grand Scribe, and Grand Sentinel, entered and took their seats.

The Committee on Asylum for Inebriates submitted their Report as follows:—

OAKVILLE, 5th December, 1861.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST:

Your Committee appointed at last Session to prepare and submit a draft of memorial to the Legislature on the important matter of establishing an asylum for inebriates in the Province of Canada have given the subject their earnest attention, and succeeded in obtaining valuable historic and statistical information from the superintendent of such an institution, established in Boston, Mass., some years ago, and known as the "Washingtonian Home."

The documents furnished by ALBERT DAY, Esq., at the instance of one of our number, bring out prominently the following leading or fundamental principles as the basis of organization, management, and success.

Intemperance is both a crime and a disease—a physical as well as a mental and moral disease; in some cases the individual incessantly under the most overwhelming desire for stimulants, disregarding every impediment, sacrificing comfort and reputation, withstanding the claims of affection, consigning his family to misery and disgrace, and denying himself the common necessities of life, drinks to gratify his insane propensity. The inebriate drinks but to fan the flame which burns and consumes, and this he will continue to do unless absolutely excluded from all means of gratifying the propensity.

The victims of intemperance are not, as a general thing, men of low and degraded minds, of little mental force or obtuse sensibilities, fit only for the lock-up or prison. Far from it. Facts connected with the past history of many of them warrant the assertion that they had been ornaments to the society in which they moved; had been surrounded by friends; were of excellent education, superior abilities, and of no small experience in the walks of life, having held offices of responsibility and trust.

It is a well established fact that coercion will avail little or nothing in reclaiming drunkards. They are, as a general thing, sensitive and possessed